

SEP 03 2003

PTO/SB/30 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031  
US Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**Request**  
for  
**Continued Examination (RCE)**  
**Transmittal**

Address to: BOX RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/494,953
Filing Date	February 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Yoshiharu KATO
Group Art Unit	2133
Examiner Name	J. Torres
Attorney Docket Number	108075-09034

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) page 2

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 7, 2003  
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Supplemental Response

RECEIVED

SEP 08 2003

Technology Center 2100

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 09/04/2003 KZEW/DIE 00000074 09494953
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$1,050.00 (\$750 to cover the filing fee, \$300.00 to cover the extension fee, second month only) is enclosed.
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print Type)	Sam Huang	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	48,430
-------------------	-----------	-----------------------------------	--------

Signature	Sam Huang		
-----------	-----------	--	--

Date September 3, 2003

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box ROE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print Type)	RENT FOX KINTNER PLOTKIN & KAHN, PLLC		
-------------------	---------------------------------------	--	--

Signature	1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 400		
-----------	--	--	--

Address All Future Communication to:

RENT FOX KINTNER PLOTKIN & KAHN, PLLC  
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036-5339

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND FEES and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231